

Rock Island

Sustainability Features

Eco Efforts

The park has a recycling program that collects aluminum, plastic, cardboard, and paper from the office, ranger residences, campground, and villas. Exterior LED lighting is both energy saving and lower maintenance. Rock Island turns off all outdoor lighting during the off-season and closes most of its restrooms to save money and resources.

Biological/Ecological

The Park is home to numerous biologically sensitive areas. Rock Island is home to some rare fern species as well. The park has also reduced the area it mows.

Environmental Education

Rock Island hosts numerous environmental education opportunities throughout the year.

Historical/Community Significance

The Park is home to some of the best kayaking in the South and has hosted Olympic team trials. Rock Island also has a fall festival and crafts fair.

Moving Forward

Campground Upgrades

Campground renovations are in process. Following the facility upgrades, the Edgar Evins will seek Camp Right designation from TVA. This program seeks to promote sustainable campgrounds with safe with safe, high quality camping experiences while conserving the natural resources of the Tennessee Valley. Sustainable elements include stormwater management, water and energy conservation features protecting and planting native species, as well as public outreach.



Park Highlights



- Located in White County
- Visited by over 600,000 people in 2011
- Over 10 miles of trails in park
- 19th century cotton mill

